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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SUSAN V. KRATZ, OT,  
RESPONDENT

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
LS0004194MED

**Division of Enforcement Case File 99 MED 022**

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

*Susan V. Kratz  
248 N. Porter Ave.  
Waukesha, WI 53186*

*Medical Examining Board  
PO Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935*

*Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
PO Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935*

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Susan V. Kratz (D.O.B.02/13/61) is duly licensed as an occupational therapist in the state of Wisconsin (license #1001). This license was first granted on June 20, 1991.
2. Ms. Kratz' latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 248 N. Porter Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186.
3. On or about November 9, 1998, Ms. Kratz was convicted of two counts of misdemeanor Medicaid fraud for billing services that were performed without prior physician authorization. The billings were for continuation of services and were subsequently ratified by the prescribing physicians. True and correct copies of the criminal complaint and Stipulation, Findings and Order in this matter are attached to this Order as Exhibit A. Exhibit A is incorporated by reference into this Order. Ms. Kratz has timely paid all fines and restitution required as a part of her conviction.
4. In resolution of this matter, Ms. Kratz consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Susan V. Kratz is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice

as an occupational therapist in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 448.02(3), and Wis. Adm. Code § 10.02 (2)(m) and (r).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of Susan V. Kratz shall be **SUSPENDED** for a period of thirty (30) days to be served as follows to commence on June 1, 2000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the license of Susan V. Kratz shall be **LIMITED** as follows:

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE: LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS**

**Disclosure**

1. Respondent shall provide any current or prospective occupational therapy employers with a copy of this Final Decision and Order immediately upon issuance of this Order, and upon any change of employment during the time in which the Order is in effect.

**Required reporting**

2. Respondent shall report to the Board any change in employment status, change of residence address or phone number, within five (5) days of any such change.

3. Respondent shall submit quarterly reports outlining her work in occupational therapy and including completed forms from any employer(s) for whom Respondent provides occupational therapy, reporting the terms and conditions of her employment and evaluating her work performance. These reports shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department Monitor to the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement. An employer shall report **immediately** to the Department Monitor any violation or suspected violation of the Medical Examining Board's Final Decision and Order.

**Petition for Modification of restrictions**

4. At any time following completion of five [5] years of complete and continuous compliance with the terms of this Order, Respondent may petition the Board to revise or eliminate any of the above conditions. The Medical Examining Board may in its discretion require that Ms. Kratz personally appear before the Board in conjunction with a petition under this paragraph to answer any questions the Board may have concerning her rehabilitation. Denial in whole or in part of a petition under this paragraph shall not constitute denial of a license and shall not give rise to a contested case within the meaning of Wis. Stats. §§227.01(3) and 227.42.

**Department monitor**

5. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including receiving and coordinating all reports and petitions, and requesting additional monitoring and surveillance. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor

Department of Regulation Division of Enforcement

PO Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

FAX (608) 266-2264

TEL. (608) 267-7139

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

**6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license; the Board in its discretion may in the alternative may impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER**

7. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By:

Darold A. Treffert, M.D

On behalf of the Board

April 19, 2000

Date